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In the claims:

1 (Currently Amended) A weatherstrip forming a slideway for a motor vehicle window of a motor vehicle to slide therein, said motor vehicle having a frame forming a window opening, the weatherstrip comprising at least one reinforced clip having a web connecting two jaws that are substantially parallel to each other to form a channel suitable for engaging on a flange of said frame forming a window opening in the vehicle, wherein said reinforced clip is made of a rigid thermoplastic material and comprises one or more reinforcing elements situated in a location selected from the group consisting of: (1) solely in at least one of said jaws, or (2) solely in said web of the clip, or and (3) solely in one of said jaws and also in said web of the clip.

2 (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein said slideway has a top segment comprising said reinforcing elements situated solely in one of the jaws of said clip and extending substantially parallel to said flange in cross section, and in said web of said clip.

3 (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein said slideway has a vertical segment comprising said reinforcing elements situated solely in the web of the clip and extending substantially perpendicularly to said flange in cross section.

4 (Cancelled).

5 (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 21, wherein said slideway has a top segment wherein the reinforcing elements comprise a single element comprising a metal strength member that is made of substantially planar or corrugated metal.

6 (Original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, further comprising at least one retaining abutment for opposing removal of the clip when mounted on the flange.

7 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 6, wherein said retaining abutment is situated on one of said jaws of said clip, extending towards the other of said jaws of said clip and being suitable for coming into contact with a projection from said flange.

8 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein the flange for supporting said clip is constituted by at least one piece of sheet metal, and

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wherein said weatherstrip further comprises at least one clearance accommodating lip for controlling the positioning of said clip on the flange as a function of the sheet metal clearances thereof, and wherein said clearance-accommodating lip is positioned at a root of one of the jaws of the clip or at the web of the clip.

9 (Previously presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, also comprising two substantially parallel branches extending perpendicularly to said flange, roots of said two branches being connected towards respective ends of one of said jaws of said clip and the branches being fitted with sealing lips suitable for coming into sliding contact with said motor vehicle window.

10 (Previously presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, presenting a reduction of material thickness in the vicinity of a said root of one or both of said branches, said reduction forming a hinge for preventing the branch from buckling.

11 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, wherein the branches are made of a thermoplastic material having a bending modulus that is much smaller than that of said rigid thermoplastic material used for said clip.

12 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, wherein both of said branches are made of a thermoplastic elastomer material.

13 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, wherein said sealing lips carried by the two branches are made of a flexible thermoplastic material.

14 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein said rigid thermoplastic material comprises polypropylene.

15 (Currently Amended) A slideway for a motor vehicle window to slide therein, the slideway comprising a top segment and at least one vertical segment, wherein each of said segments comprises a reinforced clip of channel section with a web connecting two jaws substantially parallel to each other to form a channel suitable for engaging on a flange of a frame forming a window opening in the vehicle, wherein said reinforced clip is made of a rigid thermoplastic material, said top segment comprises a first reinforcing means situated solely in one of the jaws of said clip and extending substantially parallel to the flange in cross section, and in the web of the clip, and wherein said at least one vertical segment has a second reinforcing means that are

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element situated solely in the web of the clip and extend extends substantially perpendicularly_perpendicular to the flange in cross section.

16 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 2 further comprising a vertical segment comprising a weatherstrip that is not reinforced.

17 (Currently amended) A slideway for a motor vehicle window according to claim 15, configured to be of the a hidden frame type.

18 (Currently amended) A weatherstrip slideway for a motor vehicle window according to claim 1 configured to be of the single flange type.

19 (Previously Presented) A weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein said at least one reinforced clip comprises a top segment of a slideway and said reinforcing elements are situated solely in one of the jaws of said clip and extend substantially parallel to said flange or in said web of said clip.

20. (Currently Amended) A slideway for a motor vehicle window to slide therein, the slideway comprising a top segment and at least one vertical segment, wherein each of said segments comprises a reinforced clip of channel section with a web connecting two jaws substantially parallel to each other to form a channel suitable for engaging on a flange of a frame forming a window opening in the vehicle, wherein said reinforced clip is made of a rigid thermoplastic material, said top segment comprises a first reinforcing means~~element situated solely in one of the jaws of said clip and extending substantially parallel to the flange or in the web of the clip~~, and wherein said at least one vertical segment has second reinforcing means that are situated solely in the web of the clip and extend substantially ~~perpendicularly_perpendicular to the flange in cross section~~.